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### **Harford County and Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company Break Ground for New Fire Station**

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig, along with President Anthony Coliano and members from the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company have officially broken ground for a new substation for the BAVFC at Patterson Mill Road near MD Rt. 924. The ceremony was held Saturday, December 10, 2011 with approximately 80 fire service personnel, local and state elected officials and members of the public in attendance.

"After many years of discussions, negotiations, preparation, planning and budgeting, Harford County and the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company have embarked upon a partnership ~ not without challenges ~ to build a substation to serve the citizens of Bel Air and surrounding communities for many years to come," County Executive Craig stated. The County Executive added, "The Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company has had a distinguished record of service to the citizens of Bel Air and Harford County since 1890. The company has come a long way from its humble origins to today's financially strong, well-managed, well trained respected leader in the fire service."

Joining the County Executive in offering remarks were Anthony Coliano, President of the BAVFC, Dave Carey, former mayor of the Town of Bel Air, Rusty Eyre, Vice President of the Harford County Fire and EMS Association and William H. Cox, Jr., Chairman of the Harford County Fire and EMS Commission.

Several state and local elected officials were also on hand for the ceremonial groundbreaking including Senator Barry Glassman, Delegate Susan McComas, Delegate Kathy Szeliga, Councilman Chad Shrodes, Councilman Joe Woods and Eddie Hopkins, Mayor of the Town of Bel Air and Fire Chief elect of the BAVFC.

Also in attendance were members of the Harford County Fire and EMS Commission, as well as representatives of neighboring departments, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company and Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company.

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The substation, the second for BAVFC, is scheduled to open by September 2012. Edmeades and Stromdahl Ltd., of Bel Air is the architect for the 9,000 square foot substation. Mullan Contracting Company of Lutherville is the general contractor for the project.

The Patterson Mill Road substation has been in planning and development for more than 10 years. The estimated final cost for the fire station is \$2.8 million.

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